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c. removing a bottled beverage from said one of said ordered queues by means of a robotic assembly, in response to said customer selection input; and [wherein the step of moving the bottled beverage comprises]

d. smoothly moving [the] said bottled beverage by said robotic assembly in a generally vertical X-Y plane within a vend selection space of the vending machine, to a delivery port of the machine; wherein said removing and moving steps are performed without dropping or subjecting the bottled beverage to sharp impact forces.

21/23. (Once Amended) The method of Claim [20] 22, wherein the step of removing said bottled beverage comprises smoothly sliding said bottled beverage being removed from said one of said ordered queues into [a] said robotic assembly.

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21/26. (Once Amended) A method vending bottled beverages from a vending machine of the type having a transparent front viewing panel that enables customer viewing of the actual beverages held by the machine and available for vending, comprising the steps of:

a. aligning a plurality of bottled beverages in at least two ordered queues of said beverages;

b. providing a customer selection input identifiable with at least one of said two ordered queues of beverages;

c. removing a bottled beverage from said one of said ordered queues in response to said customer selection input; and

d. [The method of Claim 20, wherein the step of moving said bottled beverage comprises] moving said removed bottled beverage to a delivery port of the machine positioned at a height of greater than 27 inches above the surface that supports the vending machine; wherein said removing and moving steps are smoothly performed without dropping or subjecting the bottled beverage to sharp impact forces.